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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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: ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION

SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLICATION :
(Based on PCT/CH99/00338)

FILED: HEREWITH

: EXAMINER:

FOR: TRANSACTION METHOD AND :
DEVICES SUITABLE THEREFOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-17 without prejudice.

Please add new Claims 18-34 as follows:

18. (New) A transaction method in which object picture data relating to a transaction object are made visible to a user, in which eye features of the user are determined and in which the determined eye features are linked in a transaction record to object data relating to the transaction object and containing at least an object identification of the transaction object, and the transaction record is transmitted to a processing unit, wherein

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